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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

THE MENDHAM METHODIST CHURCH;  
and THE ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
LONG VALLEY,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY; MORRIS  
COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS; MORRIS COUNTY  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND  
REVIEW BOARD; and JOHN KRICKUS, in  
his official capacity as Commissioner Director  
for the Morris County Board of County  
Commissioners,

Defendants,

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF NEW JERSEY,

Intervenor-Defendant.

Hon. Evelyn Padin, U.S.D.J.  
Hon. Jessica S. Allen, U.S.M.J.

Docket No. 2:23-cv-2347-EP-JSA

**CIVIL ACTION**

**ORDER GRANTING THE MOTION OF  
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF NEW  
JERSEY TO ABSTAIN PURSUANT TO  
*PULLMAN ABSTENTION DOCTRINE*  
AND HOLD THIS CASE IN ABEYANCE**

TO: Hon. Evelyn Padin, U.S.D.J.  
Counsel of Record  
(via CM/ECF)

**NOW COMES** Matthew J. Platkin, Attorney General of New Jersey, by Michael L. Zuckerman, Deputy Solicitor General, appearing on behalf of Intervenor-Defendant, Attorney General of New Jersey, for an Order abstaining and holding this case in abeyance pursuant to the *Pullman* abstention doctrine, and the Court having considered the matter and for good cause shown;

**IT IS** on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

**ORDERED** that the Motion to abstain and hold this case in abeyance filed by Intervenor-Defendant, the Attorney General of New Jersey, is hereby **GRANTED**.

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HON. EVELYN PADIN, U.S.D.J.